
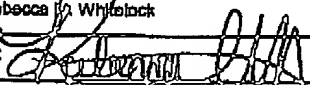


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| <b>REQUEST FOR<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b>   | Application Number: 09/544,795            |                      | Confirmation Number: 1551 |
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| <p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.</p> <p>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.</p>  |   |                      |                           |
| <p>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: <u>Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise.</u> If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 10, 2004, as well as the IDS we are submitting today, under separate cover.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>DO NOT ENTER</u> the amendment(s) previously filed on _____. An alternate submission is attached.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submitted herewith:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (Submitted under separate cover, courtesy copy attached)</p> |   |                      |                           |
| <p>2. Miscellaneous</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required).</p>  |   |                      |                           |
| <p>3. Fees</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for extension of time for Months</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.</p>   |   |                      |                           |
| Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required  |   |                      |                           |
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